

- 25 — 26. (NEW) A method of manufacturing a liquid crystal display device for use with a light source, comprising:
- providing a first substrate;
 - providing a second substrate having first and second surfaces, wherein the first surface is disposed against the first substrate;
 - coating a non-transparent film on a periphery of the second surface of the second substrate to substantially block light emitted from the light source; and
 - disposing a sheet material between the light source and the second substrate, wherein the non-transparent film does not overlap at least a portion of one edge of the sheet material.--

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the subject application. The Non-Final Office Action of January 27, 2003 has been received and contents carefully reviewed.

In the Non-Final Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-8 and 10-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the related art shown in Figures 1 and 2 in view of Suzuki et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,739,880); and allowed claim 24.

The Examiner is thanked for the allowance of claim 24.

The rejection of claims 1-8 and 10-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the related art shown in Figures 1 and 2 in view of Suzuki et al. is traversed and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 1 is allowable over the cited art in that claim 1 recites a combination of elements including, for example, "a second substrate having first and second surfaces, wherein the first surface is disposed against the first substrate; a non-transparent